

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 6th October 2019

Counties Contests

Firstly, the result of two contests held in September, on 70cms and 2 metres, respectively.

Results of the 70cms contest show that 10 logs were submitted, with 14 stations in 12 counties active on the band. For the 2 metres contest, held immediately following the 70cms event, 14 logs were submitted, containing more than 40 call signs from 23 EI and GI counties. Propagation was poor on the day, the only DX worked on 2 metres was Wales, whereas we typically expect to work some English and Scottish stations during this contest.

We have two HF Counties Contests coming up, the first being a one-hour 80 metres contest commencing at 19:00 UTC on Tuesday next, 8th October, and then a two-hour 40 metres contest on Sunday next, 13th October, from 12:00 UTC to 14:00 UTC.

Both contests have SSB only and SSB/CW mixed mode sections, additionally the 40 metres contest has separate sections for fixed and portable stations. Multipliers are the 32 EI and GI counties while, for EI and GI stations, overseas DXCC entities also count as multipliers. See www.irts.ie/contests for the full rules which include permitted frequencies for both of these events.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 14th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward a signed application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 31st October.

Galway Radio Experimenters Club

The AGM of Galway Radio Experimenters Club (EI4GRC) will be held on Sun 10th November at 3.30pm in the Menlo Park hotel, Galway. All members, interested amateur radio operators and SWL's are welcome to attend.

DX Féile 2019

The 20th and 21st September saw DX Féile 2019 in full swing again from Inishmore, Aran Islands. Hosted by the EIDX Group and now in it's 3rd year, this unique event is amongst the top DX Conferences in Europe, with attendees travelling as far as France, Germany, UK, USA and beyond.

Presentations from the 3Y0Z, K7Y, A35EU, K9AJ/VY0 and 5V7EI DXpedition teams, along with G3KMA and EI4BZ were part of the weekend's attractions, as well as CW/SSB Pile up challenges, DX Quiz and a Bumper raffle.

The EJ1D station was also QRV throughout the weekend giving out IOTA EU-006 to the many operators around the world. Dates are already announced for next year so please be sure to put October 2nd and 3rd into your 2020 diary.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

The next meeting of LCARC will be on Thursday 10th October in the Limerick Institute of Technology starting at 7:30 PM. All are welcome. Check out the website www.limerickradioclub.ie

International JOTA Weekend

EI0JOTA will be active from the Larch Hill Scout Centre in the Dublin/Wicklow mountains as part of the international JOTA weekend from the 18th to 20th October. Please give the scouts a call or better still pop up to see them to give them some encouragement to get on the radio.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 8th October at 8.30pm. New members or anyone

interested in amateur radio are very welcome.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can attend any of their meetings. You can also check out their website www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

Reminder that the shannon basin Radio club 2m net on 145.350 MHz has moved to 21:00 every Thursday. For more information see www.sbrcl.ie or their club facebook page.

DX News

Vernon NN5E and James NT5V will be QRV from Belize as V31CC and V31JW until 12th October. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World. QSLs go via the home calls.

Mario IK1MYT will operate on SSB as 9J2MYT in Zambia during October. QSL to his home call.

The well-known DXpeditioner Stan LZ1GC will lead a small team signing T30GC from 7th – 23rd October. The QTH is Tarawa Atoll in Western Kiribati. They hope to be QRV on all bands 160 – 6m on SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Three Norwegian operators will be on the air from the Svalbard Archipelago from 9th – 14th October. Look for the callsigns JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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